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ICAO: ELECTION OF NEW COUNCIL PRESIDENT

1. AS OF A.M. NOVEMBER 10 NO COUNCIL MEMBER HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO NOMINATE DWEMOH FORMALLY IN COUNCIL. PRESIDENT COUNCIL CONFIRMS THAT NOMINATION MUST BE BY A COUNCIL MEMBER AND HE IS SURE THAT DWEMOH AND GOG UNDERSTAND THAT. AFRICANS HAVE BEEN MEETING ALL MORNING. USREP WILL REPORT ASAP AFTER TALKING WITH NIGERIAN REPRESENTATIVE.

2. USREP TALKED A INFORMALLY WITH USSR REPRESENTATIVE ABOUT PRESENT SITUATION. HE HAS TOLD KOTAITE THAT USSR WILL SUPPORT KOTAITE IF KOTAITE AND DWEMOH ARE ONLY TWO CANDIDATES. USREP ASKED ABOUT ANY SOVIET DECISION RE POSSIBLE US CANDIDACY. HE SAID THAT (A) HIS IMPRESSION FOLLOWING INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH GRIP/IO OCTOBER 27 IN MONTREAL WAS THAT US WOULD BEGIN DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION ON BEHALF OF US CANDIDACY. HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS HAS NOT HAPPENED AND HIS AUTHORITIES ONCE AGAIN QUESTION THE "SERIOUSNESS" OF THE US EFFORT. (B) "SOME PEOPLE IN MOSCOW ARE SURMISING THAT US TALKS IN MONTREAL WERE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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"EXPLORATORY" ONLY AND WERE INDIRECTLY RELATED TO US

WITHDRAWAL FROM ILO. (C) ONLY TWO FORMAL CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT ARE DWEMOH AND KOTAITE AND MOSCOW IS FORMULATING ITS INSTRUCTIONS ON THAT BASIS.

3. MOROSOV SAID THAT MINISTER BUGAYEY IS SERIOUSLY ILL IN HOSPITAL. THEREFORE MOROSOV HAS NO ONE HE CAN CONTACT WITH "PERSONAL" RECOMMENDATIONS -- HE WILL HAVE TO ABIDE BY FORMAL INSTRUCTIONS RE FORMAL CANDIDACIES.

4. MOROSOV EXPRESSED OPINION THAT DWEMOH'S CANDIDACY (GHANA) IS UNFORTUNATE BECAUSE IT IS TOO LATE, NOT WELL ORGANIZED, AND SINCE DWEMOH WILL NOT MAKE A GOOD SHOWING IT WILL REFLECT NEGATIVELY ON HIM AND THE AFRICAN IMAGE.

5. MOROSOV SAID THAT HIS AUTHORITIES FEEL THAT ALL THE USG HAS DONE IS "TALK." THEY WANT VERY MUCH TO SUPPORT US AND WORK WITH US BUT HE SAID IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO FORMALIZE INTENTIONS AND GIVE MOSCOW TIME TO THOROUGHLY CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES. REGARDING SECRETARY-GENERALSHIP, HE SAID PRESENT SITUATION BECOMING COMPLICATED AND THEREFORE TOO EARLY TO DISCUSS MEANINGFULLY.

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